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Prices were unchanged to sharply higher throughout the week. The market tone was fully steady to firm for jumbo, extra large, and large and was steady for mediums and smalls. Demand was moderate to good with the best movement into feature activity. Supplies were in close balance for all sizes on the West Coast and adequate with some instances of tightness reported in the larger sizes in all other areas. Breaking stock prices were higher throughout the week. Supplies were usually adequate for the light to good demand. Most breakers were satisfied with their regular supplies. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for full slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-96	78-87	59-61
New York	67-69	64-67	43-46
Philadelphia	54.5-67	52.5-65	42-43
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	50-51	48.5-50	37-38
Jackson (1)	58-59	57-58	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-70	54-68	43-57
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	35-40
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-50	44-48	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	46-53	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-65	62-63	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	75	70

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 14-May-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.76	54.38	44.07
SOUTHERN	51.01	49.39	43.02
MIDWEST	45.57	44.33	35.64
WESTERN	72.09	66.67	61.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.20	56.03	48.20

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-18-99	05-11-99	05-19-98
Large	28-30	24-26	28-30
Medium	15-17	15-17	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM May 17, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	8.2	3.5	9.8	8.0 37.2
	Change	-0.6	-0.9	0.6	1.4	0.3 2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.5	14.2	6.0	14.4	16.2 70.3
	Change	-2.5	-11.3	-1.3	-2.2	-2.5 -22%
Large	Curr Wk	36.4	33.2	33.8	48.7	77.7 229.8
	Change	-4.0	-13.7	-2.0	-2.0	-3.9 -10%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	19.2	13.1	21.8	20.3 86.3
	Change	-0.7	0.7	-1.3	1.1	0.6 0%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	4.7	1.3	4.4	4.6 21.2
	Change	-1.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.4 -8%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	13.6	8.3	7.3	6.8 40.5
	Change	0.8	1.7	-0.2	2.0	2.4 20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	32.8	56.3	4.4	29.7	42.1 165.3
	Change	1.4	-0.3	-4.0	0.2	-2.6 -3%
Total	Curr Wk	119.0	149.4	70.4	136.1	175.7 650.6
Percent	Change	-5%	-14%	-11%	0%	-3% -6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	650.6	-6%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	425.6	-8%	40
Total Shell Egg	1,076.2	-7%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-May-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,146,408	26,820	10,799	6,067	2,479	3,603
PW	1,160,846	26,523	11,424	6,438	2,766	3,531
LY	1,088,786	25,266	11,016	5,929	2,855	3,279
% PW	-1	1	-5	-6	-10	2
% LY	5	6	-2	2	-13	10
1999	20,149,830	461,057	198,925	109,966	50,228	63,240
1998	19,658,575	443,434	200,204	109,727	51,253	63,335

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.25	41.28	41.78

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 15-May-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	239.9	0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	434.4	-9	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	216.2	-7	0
S. ATLANTIC	196.5	3	0
S. CENTRAL	74.6	1	1
WEST	230.7	20	3
TOTAL	1,392.3	-1	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		99	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	May 8	May 15 Thousand	May 8	May 15
AL	27,336	27,472	20,751	19,963
AR	30,401	30,700	23,420	24,533
DE	*4,714	4,628	*4,969	5,195
FL	2,769	2,768	*2,188	2,585
GA	*31,802	32,132	*25,229	25,259
MD	*8,906	8,903	*6,626	6,410
MS	18,505	18,655	15,046	14,996
NC	17,901	18,764	13,972	14,385
PA	3,752	3,762	*2,646	2,765
SC	4,982	4,835	4,676	4,199
TX	*13,849	13,699	*10,845	10,626
VA	6,596	6,738	5,515	5,555
CA, TN, & WV	*11,115	11,267	*10,296	10,354
15 State Total	*182,628	184,323	*146,179	146,825
Previous Year	177,315	177,709	141,386	142,303
Pct. of Prev.	103	104	103	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 65.39 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-

WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/13/99-05/19/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.70	45.45	36.86	38.56	45.68	47.50	63.00
GNR W 2	—	40.00	—	48.00	44.67	—	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	24.00	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	52.71	38.50	44.00	42.48	46.50	26.50
GL W MD	—	48.50	25.63	27.50	—	25.00	8.00
GL W SM	—	—	24.92	26.42	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 50	—	35.00	31.00	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.93	31.00	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-May-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.8	29.5	-9	-10
BOSTON	6.4	6.8	-6	-47
CHICAGO	55.8	45.3	23	34
DETROIT	28.4	26.9	6	2
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	85.2	91.7	-7	-4
NEW ORLEANS	12.0	12.5	-4	-20
NEW YORK	44.6	38.2	17	0
ST. LOUIS	12.5	12.9	-3	79
SAN FRANCISCO	20.1	21.5	-7	2
TOTAL	291.9	285.4	2	2
4 WK MVG AVG	271.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-May-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,464	17	5,481
AVGWT	0.00	25.71	28.65	25.72
LAST WEEK	0	5,251	40	5,291
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,545	16	4,561
AVGWT	0.00	24.82(A)	27.69	24.83
TO-DATE/1999	0	84,561(A)	571	85,132
TO-DATE/1998	8	90,952(A)	658	91,618

(A) Includes 295,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 331,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		---THOUSAND		HEAD---	WT
N EAST	402	-77	24.22	NONE	NONE	402	24.22
S ATL	1,247	59	19.45	(A)	(A)	1,263	19.54
N CENT	2,585	35	29.56	(A)	(A)	2,586	29.58
S CENT	710	21	20.30	NONE	NONE	710	20.30
WEST	520	113	30.06	NONE	NONE	520	30.06
U.S.TOTAL	5,464(B)	4	25.71	0	17	5,481	25.72
TO DATE							
1999	84,561(B)			0	571	85,132	
TO DATE							
1998	90,952(B)			8	658	91,618	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.							
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 10,000 for the year 295,000; last year to date 331,000.							

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-May-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,430 (A)	2,375	1,333	3,708	458
AVGWT	4.82	3.42	7.79	4.99	6.41
LAST WEEK	154,413	2,356	1,369	3,725	435
YR AGO	151,988	2,288	1,277	3,565	414
AVGWT	4.93	3.44	7.71	4.97	7.02
TO-DATE/1999	2,858,170	41,823	25,497	67,320	8,595
TO-DATE/1998	2,766,593	40,250	23,567	63,817	8,490

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.3 million head or 0.3 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22

	CURRENT WEEK 05/22/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/15/99
CLASS-----	THOUSAND HEAD	-----

BRO-FRY	159,217(2)	152,717
LT HENS	2,265	2,360
HVY HENS	1,455	1,456
CHECK TOTAL	162,937	156,533

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-May-99 is 152.8 million head compared to 153.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.2 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-May-99 the estimated available is 152.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 10	149.7	150.4	100	4.97
17	153.7	151.6	101	5.07
24	154.2	153.6	100	5.13
MAY 1	155.6	154.8	101	4.90
8	156.3	154.6	101	5.07
15	154.3	154.6	100	4.82
YEAR TO DATE	2,892.8	2,861.3	101	
MAY 22		152.8		
29		152.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
17-May-99	10-May-99	10-May-99	18-May-99	
61.02	0.19	60.83	60.23	
NUMBER OF LOADS	649			

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 5/17-5/22/99.

5/17-5/22/99.		U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	55.00-58.50	57.53	56	59.82	86
Los Angeles	65.00	64.48	72	64.81	130
New York	54.00-56.00	54.88	40	57.34	77

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66.5-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65.5-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66.5-67	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 17-May-99	3,382	166,028	93,527
AM 1-May-99	2,659	156,977	88,182
CHG	723	9,051	5,345
PCT CHG	27	6	6

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
5/17/99	RANGE		
Southeast Heavy	10-22(1)	15-18.5	17.38
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	16-22(1)	17-19	18.82
5/14/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	0-.5(1)		
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	0-1(2)		

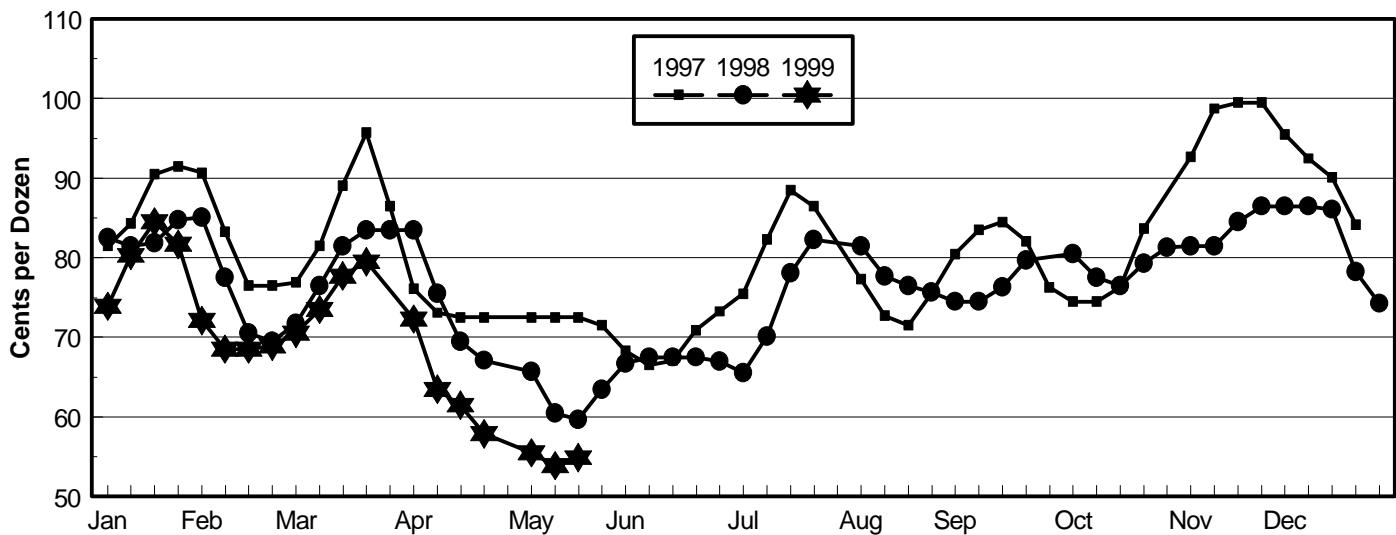
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

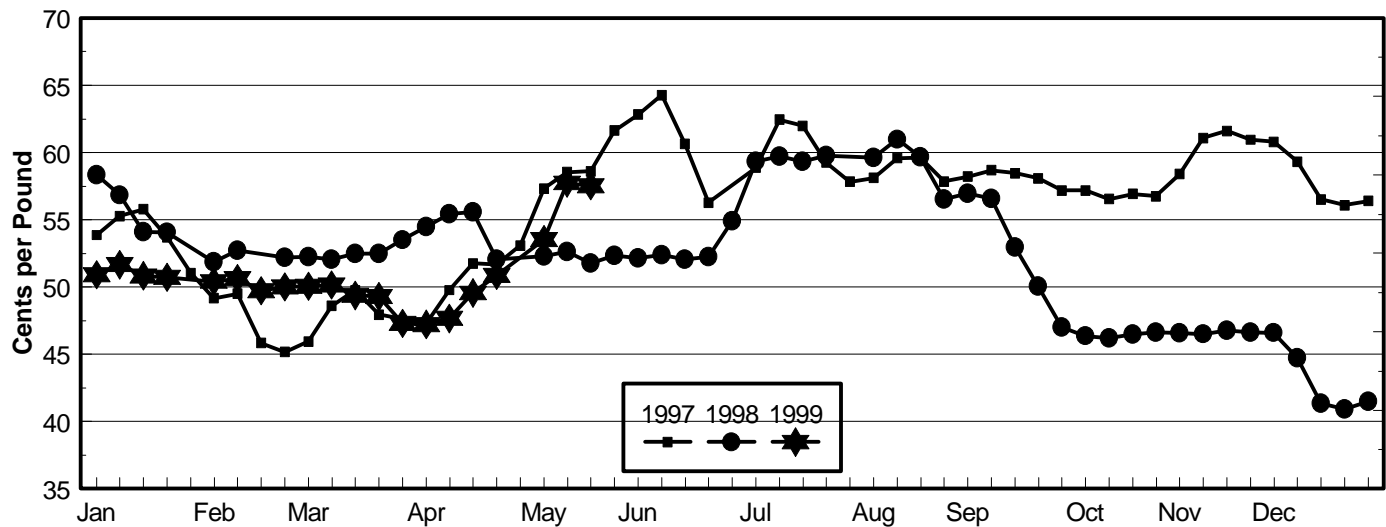
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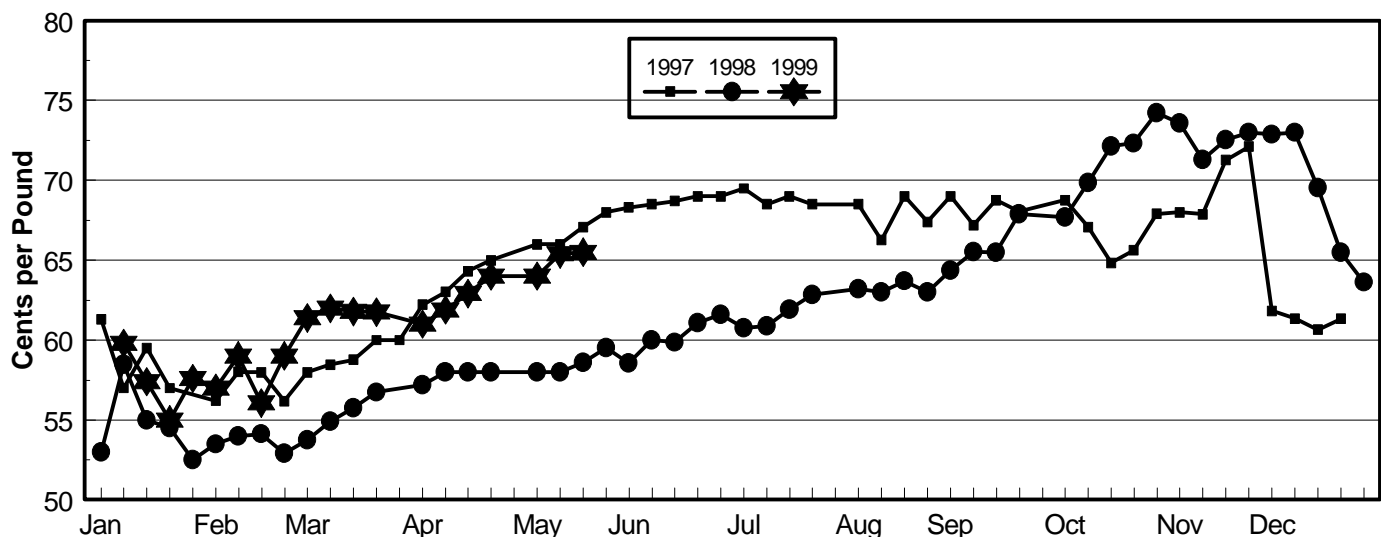
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.